

July 29, 2019 7:00 P.M.

JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Work Session

JONES COUNTY AGRICULTURAL BUILDING, 110 MARKET STREET

TRENTON, NC 28585

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mike Haddock, Chairman

Frank Emory, Vice-Chairman

Sondra Ipock-Riggs, Commissioner

James Harper, Commissioner

April Aycock, Commissioner

Charlie Dunn, Jr., Commissioner

Charlie Gray, Commissioner

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Franky J. Howard, County Manager

Angelica Hall, Clerk

Brenda Reece, Finance Officer

Timmy Pike, EM Director

Chairperson opened the meeting and turned it over to Mr. Franky Howard, County Manager.

Public Comment Policy

Mr. Franky Howard, County Manager, presented the Board with a draft of the Public Comment Policy for review. This item will be placed on the Agenda for the Regular Meeting on August 5, 2019.

Recreation Department

The Board discussed who would be appointed to the County Commissioner/School Board Joint Committee for Recreation. This committee along with the Recreation Coordinator will discuss how the County and the School can work together to improve and enhance the Recreation Department for the entire county. Motion was made by Commissioner James Harper and unanimously carried that Commissioner Franky Emory, Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs and Commissioner Charlie Dunn Jr. be appointed to the Joint Recreation Committee. The Board also requested that the school include the County in the FEMA claim.

Staff Evaluation

The Commissioners discussed moving forward with the staff evaluations and requested the following information: County Manager's contract and job description and Peer Review Forms.

The Board would like to incorporate Department Head feedback as part of the evaluation process.

Economic Development

Mr. Franky Howard, County Manager, provided the following update:

- There are 7 applications received so far.
- The job was posted on listservs and will wait to see if any more applications will be received before starting the interview process.
- The plan for the interview process is to gather a few people from Committee 100 and Economic Development Board and also have Commissioner involved.
- August 6th is the next Economic Development board meeting.
- Coastal Beverage is shutting down in Pollocksville, 2 inquiries so far for the building, looking to see if DOT will sell land at the interchange of Hwy 17 in Pollocksville, also retail potential here in Trenton. No County finances involved.
- There is a Non-profit group to help with Economic Development and while at the RPO Meeting it was mentioned that there was a program that worked out really well for Pamlico County and they made recommendations of how to make Jones County better.

NCACC AND SOG Information

Mr. Franky Howard, County Manager, spoke to the Board about Commissioner retreats and training. Mr. Howard informed the Board that the NCACC and SOG-Outreach Coordinator, Neil Emory, conducts board retreats for commissioners and mentioned the School of Government coming down if you truly wanted someone neutral. Commissioner April Aycock requested to send the facebook live meeting recording to the school of government, and have them critique the meeting. Mr. Howard also requested that the Board let him know the items they would like retreat agenda.

DSS UPDATE

The DSS Director has given his notice to retire August 31st, and the DSS Board will be the Board to appoint an interim and hire the new director.

Water Department Update

Two new water employees have been hired and are working out great. The water employees are parking at the office and riding with the older employees to learn the county. Housekeeping is also riding together, and working together.

Live Stream Update

Mr. Franky Howard, County Manager, provided the Board information about partnering with Lenoir County College to buy the equipment so the live stream could continue. Commissioner

April Aycock suggested saving the money from the Jones County Chat and spending it on the Facebook Live feed for every commissioner meeting.

Courthouse Update

Mr. Franky Howard, County Manager, announced that State will deliver the benches on August 5th and the painting is complete. Also, there is thought about a Grand Reopening for the Courthouse. Mr. Howard also informed the Board that the inmates are back in the jail. Mr. Howard informed the Board that the blinds need replaced inside the courtroom and there would be a Capital request for August 5th pertaining to the purchase of the blinds.

NCACC Conference

NCACC Conference - August 22nd-24th in Greensboro. Commissioners feel the need to represent Jones County, since the 4-H person is going to be there. Commissioner Frank Emory will be attending.

Commissioner Report

Commissioner Charlie Gray asked about the Notary Fee in Building Inspections. Why are people being charged and nothing is being notarized?

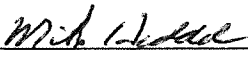
Commissioner April Aycock expressed her concerns about citizens calling the office and saying individuals are not available and not knowing when and where the Commissioners meetings are being held.

Commissioner Charlie Dunn requested the past bids for the lawn care and also asked how the jail bids are handled.


Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs asked about the cleaners taking cleaning supplies from the Civic Center. Also, asked how did the school get to 47.8 million and about the names on the school.

Commissioner Frank Emory stated that he talked to Harry Brown and he is fine with his name not being on the school. Also, requested building permit numbers so that he can determine if the property tax rate can go down next year.

MOTION made by Commissioner Charlie Gray, seconded by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Mike Haddock
Chairman



Angelica Hall
Clerk to the Board